

Congrats on getting this far!
Good luck!

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I. (10 points) Read the texts below and decide which variant (A, B, C or D) best fits each space:

The success of many leading companies depends on an effective management team and they are always (1)_____ ways to encourage those managers to (2)_____ along with each other. In previous years, those ways have (3)_____ from weekends when managers went camping together to white-water rafting. Now the latest corporate team-building technique that is becoming increasingly popular in the management (4)_____ is sitting for hours round a table making shapes out of Lego, the well-known building bricks that so many children have (5)_____ up with. But don't be (6)_____ by those familiar green and yellow plastic blocks - this is Lego for adults, and among senior executives it is the hottest management (7)_____ since the go-everywhere laptop. Companies are now (8)_____ to send senior staff along to learn what Lego can do for their corporate ethos, and management consultants are even (9)_____ themselves to running Lego sessions to meet the demand. They claim that the multicoloured bricks can (10)_____ free managers from a limited imagination.

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| 1.A searching | B enquiring | C requesting | D seeking |
| 2.A go | B come | C get | D work |
| 3.A covered | B included | C ranged | D consisted |
| 4.A circle | B world | C level | D area |
| 5.A grown | B brought | C come | D taken |
| 6.A attracted | B concerned | C directed | D fooled |
| 7.A tool | B equipment | C instrument | D gadget |
| 8.A enthusiastic | B agreeable | C eager | D excited |
| 9.A specialising | B focusing | C concentrating | D dedicating |
| 10.A assist | B help | C aid | D support |

II. (10 points) Fill the gaps in the text below with ONE suitable word:

Many towns and cities around the world conjure (1)_____ a particular image or memory as soon as they are mentioned, whether it is (2)_____ to a catastrophic earthquake that shattered it, an airplane that came down just outside it, or a madman with a gun (3)_____ amok through the streets in the dim and (4)_____ past. Glastonbury now joins this group. 'Have you been to Glastonbury?' will rarely be a query as to whether you have (5)_____ passed through the town on your travels. Almost certainly it will be a reference to the twenty-odd-year-old Festival of Music whose home it is. What is referred (6)_____ in the media as 'an instant town the size of Oxford' appears there for three days in late June and (7)_____ inhabited by around 100,000 people, most of whom will have (8)_____ up to £100 a ticket for the privilege.

In the last year or so, a sometimes quite heated argument has broken out along the lines of 'Are you too old for Glastonbury?' As we milled yesterday amongst the crowds, opinion seemed evenly divided. Never (9)_____ been to such a festival before, seventeen-year-old Nathalie Worsnip failed to see why forty-something who (10)_____ had their day should spoil things for people like her who are going to Glastonbury for the first time.

III. (10 points) Read the text below and use the words given in capitals to form words that fit in the gaps. The words in capitals are given in the order in which you need to use them:

1-PROPORTIONATELY 2-RIVAL 3-REJUVENATE 4-SPECIAL 5-SLOW 6-BOTTOM 7-RESTRAIN 8-DESCRIBE 9-ONE 10-ADD

Does Dubai need an introduction? Yes - but only if you had been living on Mars for the last 10 years. While Dubai has had its share of controversy, some of it (1)_____ unfair, amazing things have come from nothing in less than a couple of decades. It has had an (2)_____ infrastructure programme, a tourism boom, (3)_____ of region - but it has also had the bad press, (4)_____ when Dubai defaulted on its debt and had to take a bailout from Abu Dhabi. In reality, this was a further coming together of the Emirates in unity, but behind the

scenes, it was a (5) _____ in acceleration that the more brash Emirate had enjoyed over the last few years. That doesn't mean that Dubai is all over. Dubai is glam and bling, smart and forward thinking, and even without the buckets of foreign investment, with the forethought of Sheikh Mohamed bin Rashid Al Makhtoum, Dubai will prevail. The Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing and Emirates Airline, with a seemingly (6) _____ pit of money at their disposal, have been able to enthuse and extol the virtues of the city without (7) _____ for several years. There is, at a rough estimate, about \$100 billion worth of projects either underway or planned for the near future. That is a numbing figure, ungraspable. It is the equivalent of every single dollar invested in the United States from abroad last year. Visiting Dubai is somewhat (8) _____. A trip to Dubai is a must for (9) _____ travelling to the UAE. If you have visited Dubai before, you will be aghast at what has changed, and so any business trip to Abu Dhabi warrants some (10) _____ downtime in Dubai.

IV. (20 points) Rephrase the following sentences so that they contain the words in capitals, and so that the meaning stays the same:

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| 1. Although she is clever, she is very arrogant.
Clever _____, she's very arrogant. | MAY |
| 2. Joe would only agree to continue the trip if he could drive instead of Paul.
Only if he _____ as the driver, would Joe agree to continue the trip. | TOOK |
| 3. You have got to decide what you really want to do with your life.
It _____ what you really want to do with your life. | TIME |
| 4. 'I'll lend you the money if you promise to pay it back,' he said to me.
He agreed _____ if I promised to pay it back. | BORROWING |
| 5. The council officer promised to get someone to remove the rubbish.
The council officer promised _____ away. | HAVE |
| 6. Another five years were to pass before she saw her brother again.
Not _____ she see her brother again. | GONE |
| 7. It appears that Sam informed the police.
Sam _____ the police. | HAVE |
| 8. It doesn't look as though John wants to buy that house after all.
John seems _____ buying that house after all. | DECIDED |
| 9. It is thought that the two injured men were repairing overhead cables.
The two injured men _____ overhead cables. | HAVE |
| 10. He really wants to see animals living in the wild.
He _____ animals living in the wild. | INTENT |

V. (50 points) - REPORT WRITING

This is an extract from a letter you received from a magazine called *Family Matters*:

We are very interested in finding out how the family is perceived in different parts of the world. Please write a report for us describing the importance of both the nuclear and extended family in your country, and how family relationships might evolve in the foreseeable future.*

Write your report in 280-300 words. Think about:

- sections with subheadings;
- writing an introduction and a conclusion.

*(a family unit) consisting of a mother, a father, and their children

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PUNCTAJ SI BAREM

I. (10 puncte)

1.D 2. C 3. C 4.B 5. A 6.D 7.A 8.C 9. D 10. B

II. (10 puncte)

1-up 2-due 3-running 4-distant 5-ever 6-to 7-is 8-paid 9-having 10-had

III. (10 puncte)

1.disproportionately 2.unrivalled 3.rejuvenation 4.especially 5 slowdown
6.bottomless 7.restraint 8.indescribable 9.anyone 10.additional

IV. (20 puncte) Rephrase the following sentences so that the meaning stays the same:

1. as/though she may be
2. took over from Paul
3. is (high/about) time you decided
4. to my/me borrowing the money
5. to have someone take the rubbish/he would have/get the rubbish taken/to have/get the rubbish taken
6. until five years had gone by did
7. must have informed/appears to have informed/appears to be the one who informed
8. to have decided against
9. are thought to have been repairing
10. is intent on seeing

V. (50 points) – Report Writing - 280-300 words

vezi GRILA PENTRU CORECTAREA LUCRĂRILOR SCRISE (Descriptori)

NOTĂ: Pentru subiectele II și IV se acceptă orice variantă posibilă corectă.

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